



PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

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I. POLICY

In making an arrest, the agent must use caution regarding his/her own safety and the security of the prisoner. The following rules will be observed when an arrest is made:

- A. Guard against carelessness when making an arrest: watch the prisoner's every move. Be alert: treat every case individually. Assume every prisoner is waiting the opportunity to escape. Never underestimate the person arrested. The most harmless appearing prisoner may be the most dangerous.
- B. A search of the prisoner will be made at the scene of each arrest. Always consider the possibility of the prisoner being armed: take no chances even after the prisoner has been carefully searched.
- C. Keep the prisoner in front of you at all times; never allow the prisoner to stand behind you or at your side.
- D. Take command of the situation. Do not antagonize or handle the prisoner with unnecessary roughness. Avoid unnecessary conversation with a prisoner. Give orders with authority; briefly and clearly.
- E. All prisoners will be handcuffed with their hands behind their backs, unless a physical handicap or disability prevents this action. In such cases, the prisoner's hands will be restrained with handcuffs as best as possible under the circumstances. Properly applied flex cuffs may be used if necessary.
- F. Whenever a prisoner is put into another agent's charge, the agent taking over responsibility for the prisoner, will conduct another pat down.

II. CANCELLATION: None.

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